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Deb Yamamoto, Unit Manager Cleanup Unit #2
USEPA, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, M/S ECL-115
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Yamamoto:

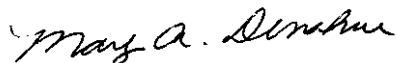
Ashland's response to USEPA's 104(e) Request for Information regarding the three properties listed below involving the Portland Harbor Superfund Site are due tomorrow. However, David M. Abner, Ashland's in-house counsel responsible for approving Ashland's response was required to travel to Texas to attend the funeral of his grandfather. To that end, this is to request an extension to October 3, 2008 to give Mr. Abner the opportunity to return to our offices in Dublin, Ohio, and approve Ashland's response involving the properties.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to receiving your response.

Properties

2800 Northwest 31st Street, Portland, Oregon
6650 North Basin Avenue, Portland, Oregon
6000 North Cutter Circle, Portland Oregon

Sincerely,



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